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LETTER TO BRITISH CONSUL.

"No Illicit Interference With
Foreigners."

The following letter from Mr. Chen Yu-jen, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the British Consul-General in Canton, Mr. J. P. Brennan, has been issued for publication.

Canton, Oct. 29.
With reference to my letter transmitting the examination regulations promulgated by the Ministry of Finance for the examination of the goods of passengers on all outgoing and incoming steamers in Canton and district, I would point out that the object of these regulations is to prevent bad characters and enemy agents entering Canton.

This measure is of particular importance whilst the northern campaign is going on but it will be cancelled as soon as hostilities have ceased.

Instructions are now being issued by the Government that there must be no illicit interference with foreigners or their baggage.

Provided there is no suspicion of smuggling arms, etc., into Kwangtung, there will be no need to carry out an examination. These regulations are in no way designed to duplicate the functions of the Maritime Customs nor is there any intention to use them in order to interfere with the Customs administration.

I have, etc.,
(Sd.) Chen Yu-jen.

CHINESE PAY.

Surtaxes Not Collected From
Foreigners.

From an authentic source the "China Mail" learns that although the Inspection Corps of the Canton Finance Ministry was announced to function as from yesterday, there has been no attempt to collect the special taxes from foreign merchants.

There is no relaxation of measures to make the native merchants pay.

In the case of exports, the Chinese dealer satisfies the Bureau first before shipment.

Where imported merchandise is received direct by Chinese, the surtax is paid at once. On lots consigned to foreign merchants, the ultimate Chinese buyer pays the special levy when he takes delivery.

The greater majority of Chinese merchants are paying as a matter of course and raising no objection.

OPEN AGAIN.

Cargo Can Be Shipped to
Kongmoon.

Perhaps the best item of news to-day with regard to the resumption of trade is that steamers from Hong Kong to Kongmoon are now taking cargo.

With the exception of 60 packages of perfumes, etc., which were forbidden landing at Pakkai on the first post-boycott trip, little or no cargo has been shipped from Hong Kong.

It is understood that arrangements have now been made at Pakkai (the port of Kongmoon) for the Surtax Bureau to collect the special levy.

Accordingly, the Hong Kong steamboats are now receiving cargo and it is confidently expected that difficulties will not arise on the next arrival at Pakkai.

Pickets at Pakkai are not interfering. Produce for export will also be carried down and there is no embargo on British goods at this port.

CANTON POSITION.

Police Restrain Ex-Seamen

"Remonstrance" by the Canton Police authorities has had the effect of curbing the plain-clothes pickets stationed outside the Steamboat Co.'s wharves last week; but no immediate improvement is apparent.

Placards have sprung up all over the city advising "nationals not to travel by the ships of a certain nation as danger is at

FATAL LEAP.

AMAH'S SUICIDE AFTER
REPRIMAND?

KOWLOON TRAGEDY.

A Chinese amah employed by a foreigner residing at No. 15, Park Road was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital at 9.30 last night suffering from injuries sustained through falling from the first floor of her employer's premises.

As far as can be ascertained at present, the amah, who died ten minutes after admittance to the G.C.H., had been reprimanded by her employer and, following a heated altercation, she jumped through the window.

CONSUL ATTACKED.

ANTI-FOREIGN MOBS IN
CHUNGKING.

THROWN OUT OF CHAIR.

Anti-foreign mobs in Chungking attacked Mr. W. A. A. Adams, the American Consul on the evening of Oct. 10, according to a report in the "Hankow Herald."

Mr. Adams was attacked in the streets while he was on his way to the Foreign Office for dinner, the report states. His chairmen were knocked about by the mob, and he was pushed out of his chair, but not injured. There were several soldiers about but none of them went to the Consul's assistance.

On the afternoon of October 8, Mr. Adams called on General Liu Hsiang, who is in charge of Chungking, but the general said he was too busy to see him.

lacked to so doing." These and the previous interference, which led to representations by the British Consul-General, have resulted in passengers, coolies and shop folk remaining away although the ex-seamen have been restrained.

Cargo Still Moving.
The defection of traffic from the Steamboat Co. to other services has resulted in the Tung On Co. having to refuse all freight on every alternate voyage as it has been found impossible to clear all the cargo off.

The Economic Severance Association has nominated all shop folk to inquire as to the stocks of native firms dealing in British goods. In spite of the threat that transactions would be forbidden yesterday, British cargo is still going up.

Piecegoods and metals dealers are stated to oppose the fixing of a definite limit for disposing of stocks and commitments of British purchases and suggest enforcing the Severance Association's order when holdings are liquidated.

Another Scheme for Pickets.
Another suggestion put forward—possibly as an alternative to the pickets becoming searchers of the Severance Association—is that they be embodied in a Reserve Corps for service with the Government in co-operation with the Army. The project includes the drafting of a number of men (who may be the radicals) from each labour union, as the pickets only number about 2,000 and are not considered strong enough numerically. It is predicted that the pickets will accept as representatives of labour unions are particularly anxious to retain their right to carry firearms on duty.

Anxiety has been expressed in local Chinese circles at the non-resumption of steamer traffic between Hong Kong and Shanmei (the port near Bias Bay).

CONSULAR BODY.

Attitude Towards Government.
Surtaxes.

Light is thrown on the attitude on Oct. 26 of the Consular Body in Canton, with regard to the Nationalist surtaxes on trade, prior to the official notification that an Inspection Corps would be formed.

A Japanese news agency makes a very interesting report on the subject. Emphasis must be placed on the fact that the

GENERAL RETREAT.

Cantonese Giving Up
Objective.

ALLIES MOVING FORWARD.

Latest Decision to Entrench for
Winter.

[By Our Special Correspondent.]

Indications have been noticed by military observers pointing to a general retreat of the Cantonese forces from Kiangsi province, which they invaded several weeks ago after capturing Hankow.

Suspected defections are believed to have been the cause of this latest decision of the Nationalist commanders in the central China War.

One or two generals who at one time were looked upon as likely to make considerable headway have disappointed. Instead of causing dissent in the ranks of the Northern Allies, they have accomplished little or nothing.

Not Strong Enough.
Reinforcements have not been strong enough for the Southerners to make a further series of drives, hence the falling back now to entrench for the winter.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang cannot claim that victory has restored to him some of the territory (the south-west and west of Kiangsi) which the Cantonese first over-ran.

ANOTHER 'QUAKE.

Severe at Manila Again: Panic
of People.

Manila, Nov. 2.

Another severe earthquake was felt here this morning.

Many people ran into the streets. Reuter.

The previous earthquake at Manila, last Friday, was also severe, and was recorded at the Royal Observatory in Kowloon.

as the first step towards their objective of cutting down to the mouth of the Yangtze River.

In orderly fashion, General Chang Kai-shek's men are merely falling back from advanced positions.

No Further Offensive?

Kao-an, which has been the scene of several determined engagements with the honours mostly on the Southern side, has been vacated and, as far as is known, Sun Chuan-fang's commander at Nanchang has moved out to re-occupy Kao-an. This is the key to Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi province and the abandonment of it can be taken to convey that the Cantonese will not launch another offensive on this part of the line just yet.

There is little of note to report from the northern flank of the Kiangsi front (along the banks of the Yangtze River) where Sun Chuan-fang's last drive has again quietened down.

Fukien in Danger.

No more has been heard this week about General Yang Sen and his ambition of reaching Changsha which is the most southerly "important" base of the Nationalists in the war zone.

General Chow Yim-jen, the Allied ruler of Fukien province, is in danger, not so much from the imminence of an invasion by the Cantonese near Swatow, but from the direction of another Southern army which is moving eastwards, in the south, along the Kiangsi-Kwangtung border, to enter Fukien from the west.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu's army is still making attempts of sorts to recover Hupeh province. Engagements near Wu-sheng-kwan have been reported and his men claim successes. Fresh Canton troops are being sent northwards from Hankow and Hanyang arsenal to cope with Wu Pei-fu.

THE FIRST SIGNS.

Continued Reverses: & Voluntary
Withdrawals.

Shanghai, Oct. 30.

Cessation of hostilities between Marshal Sun and the Cantonese army in southern and western Kiangsi is expected soon, owing to the voluntary withdrawal of the Kuomintang forces as a result of continued reverses within the last few days in that part of the province. Telegraphic communication resumed last night from the Mar-

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DATES OF CLOSURE FOR
HOME.

PARCELS & LETTERS.

Hong Kongites sending parcels or mail Home for Christmas and New Year should note the following dates of closing by the local General Post Office.

Parcels: Close at 5 p.m. on Nov. 12; will go by the P. & O. s.s. "Mantua," due in London on Dec. 10.

Letters: Close at 2.30 p.m. on Nov. 20; will go by the N.Y.K. s.s. "Katori Maru," via Marseilles, due in London on Dec. 21.

The advice of postal officials in the past has always been to send as early as possible.

COUNCIL MEETING.

DEBATE ON BUDGET FOR
1927.

THURSDAY'S AGENDA.

Unofficial members of the Legislative Council will discuss the Colony's 1927 Budget at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, when the second reading of the Bill will be moved to apply \$17,741,543 to next year's Public Service.

The agenda for the meeting comprises:—

Agenda.

Clerk of Council:—Minutes of last meeting.

Hon. Colonial Secretary:—Papers to be laid on the table; Petitions; Notices of questions; Notice of motions; Questions.

Hon. Colonial Secretary:—Report of the Finance Committee (last meeting); Motion.

shah's headquarters by the local authorities states that the remnants of General Chang's troops are retreating into Hunan province.

Hero for the Front.

The battle west of Kiukiang also ended in the retreat of the Cantonese army toward Hankow and all strategic points along Chang-chi-shan, Mo-ying-shan, and Lung-tung-shan (three hilly districts west of Kiukiang) have been occupied by the Kiangsu soldiers.

The Kuomintang forces in Hupeh are reported to be retreating toward Hankow also. The Allied military leaders are expecting the Cantonese army to make Hankow its base of operations and to hold the city as the last place of struggle.—"N. C. Daily News."

Kiukiang, Oct. 23.

General Chen Ming-shu, Commander of the 10th Division of the 4th Southern Army, who distinguished himself in the attack on Wu-chang, on a telegraphic order of General Chang Kai-shek, hurried to Kiangsi yesterday, with all his troops.—Toho.

General Retreat.

Hankow, Oct. 23.

It is rumoured that General Chang Kai-shek has given orders to all the Southern troops in Kiangsi to beat a general retreat.

Although it is not clear at present whether the rumour is mere propaganda or not, it is true that almost all the Southern troops stationed in this district, with the exception of the 8th Army under General Tang Sang-chi, have proceeded towards Kiangsi by order of General Chang Kai-shek.—Toho.

Kiukiang, Oct. 23.

The Allied forces have commenced a forward movement towards Kao-an and Changshu districts, but as their pursuit is not very swift no big action between the two forces in those regions is anticipated.

Possible Attack On Fukien.

Though it is reported that somewhat powerful Southern troops are now concentrating in the region of Wu-ning, as things stand, they are not expected to make a counter-attack upon the Allied forces.

There has been no marked development in the military situation in the region along the Yangtze since the Allied forces captured Chichun.

It is rumoured that General Chang Kai-shek, changing his plan of operations, will concentrate his energies on the attack on Fukien, and that General Li Lieh-chun is

ROYAL VISITORS.

Crown Prince & Princess
of Sweden.

ARRIVE NOV. 20.

Informal Visit on Tour of
Orient.

The Colony will entertain distinguished visitors later in the month in the persons of two members of the Royal House of Sweden, Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus and Crown Princess Louise.

The royal visitors are passing through the Colony on their first tour of the Orient and whilst in Japan they travelled officially, it is understood that their visit here is an informal one. They pass through on the s.s. "Katori Maru" on the 20th of this month and are travelling as the Duke and Duchess of Scania.

The Crown Prince, who is 43 years of age, has had a military training of considerable duration in accordance with long established tradition and holds the rank of Major-General. He is also keenly interested in archaeology (as witness the keen interest he has taken in the work of bodies devoted to the study in Peking where he was recently entertained); in agriculture, athletics and physical culture enterprises and exhibitions.

"Most Christian Prince."

The Prince has inherited a religious temperament from his grandmother, Queen Sophia, and from an uncle, Prince Oscar Bernadotte, who renounced his rights to the throne in order to marry one of his mother's ladies-in-waiting. This religious temperament found expression in an address at the closing session of the Universal Conference on Christian Life and Work at Stockholm—an address which earned for him the title of a modern "Most Christian Prince."

The Prince has long been an active figure among Swedish athletes being the first Royal person to gain the distinction of winning the Swedish so-called "Idrotts-market", an honour conferred on those who successfully fulfil a certain number of tests in different branches of sport.

The Crown Prince of Sweden's first wife was Princess Margaret of Connaught, daughter of Prince Arthur of Connaught, granddaughter of Queen Victoria of Great Britain and elder sister of Princess Patricia of Connaught, known in Canada and elsewhere as "Princess Pat."

During the winter season of 1904-05 they met at a dinner in Cairo, given by the Khedive of Egypt, the engagement was announced the following February and they were married at Windsor Castle in June, 1905. After a short illness Crown Princess Margaret died in May, 1920.

The Crown Princess.

In November, 1923, the Crown Prince was married in London for the second time to Lady Louise Alexandra Marie Irene, daughter of Prince Louis of Battenberg, ranking admiral of the British navy at the outbreak of the war and later created Marquis of Milford Haven by H.M. King George. Her mother is Princess Victoria of Hesse, a sister of the late Empress Alexandra of Russia and a daughter of Princess Alice, Queen Victoria's oldest and favourite child. The Crown Princess is thus a first cousin of Queen Victoria of Spain. Her brother, Lord Louis Mountbatten, accompanied the Prince of Wales on his visit to Japan in 1922.

During the war Crown Princess Louise served as a nurse in a French military hospital. Her father, being a naval officer, she was brought up in the traditions of the British navy. Her popularity as the future Queen of Sweden has already been assured.

SOCIETY NEWS.

New York, Nov. 1.

It is reported from France that Miss Audrey Emory, youngest daughter of Mrs. Alfred Anson of New York, is engaged to the Russian Grand Duke Dmitri.—Reuter's American Service.

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Hong Kong, 30th October, 1926.

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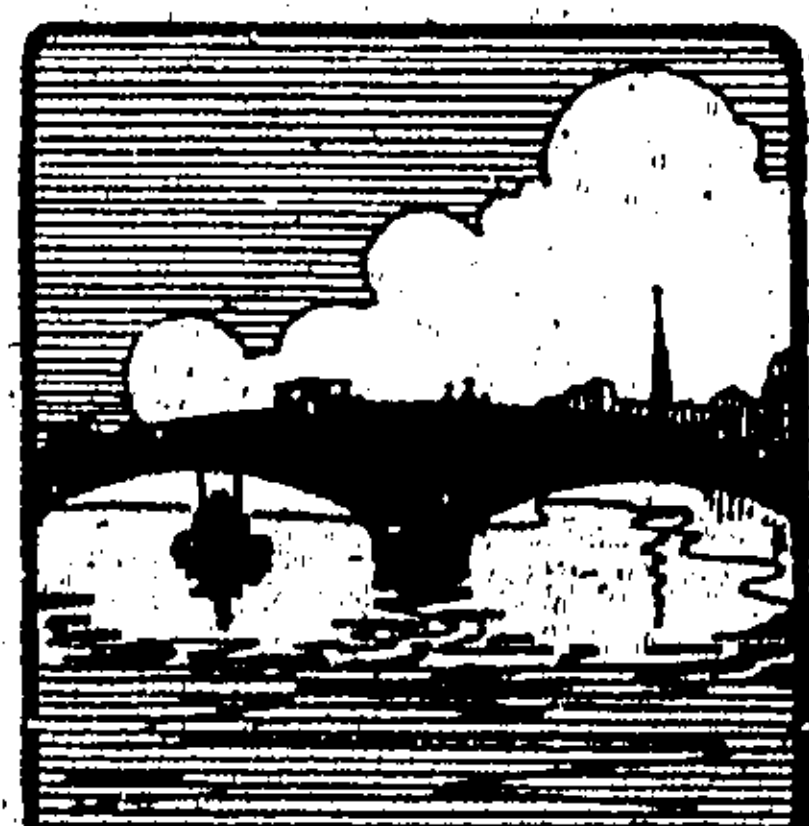
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Tokyo, Oct. 28.

The s.s. "Tenyo Maru," which sailed for America this afternoon, went aground three miles outside Yokohama.

Salvage vessels endeavored to refloat the vessel but were hampered by rain.

No damage is reported. It is hoped that the "Tenyo" will be refloated to-morrow.

[Four million gold yen, which is being exported to America, was on board the "Tenyo Maru" at the time.]

On inquiry from the local office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha the "China Mail" learns that the "Tenyo Maru" will leave Yokohama for San Francisco on November 4, a week behind her schedule, after completion of survey and minor repairs. She was successfully refloated subsequent to the report above.

The "Tenyo Maru" formerly belonged to the Toyo Kisen Kaisha and is a regular caller at Hong Kong.

N. D. L.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

Bremen, Nov. 1.

At a meeting of the Directors of the North German Lloyd, it was decided to propose to the general meeting on December 2 an increase in the capital by 1,000,000 marks to 125,000,000 marks.—Reuter.

CHINA COAST.

CHANGE IN OFFICERS' PERSONNEL.

Mr. E. S. Macpherson, second officer, "Huichow," has gone second officer, "Kwangse."

Mr. F. W. Golding, second officer, "Kwangse," has gone second officer, "Huichow."

Mr. A. H. Lake, second officer, "Kwangse," has gone second officer, "Huichow."

Mr. W. E. Awcock, second officer, "Kwangse," is on reserve.

Mr. E. H. Mutton, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Patahan."

Mr. J. S. K. Oliver, third engineer, "Soochow," has gone third engineer, "Liangchow."

Mr. F. J. C. Wilson, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Kwaiyang."

Mr. H. A. Morrison, from reserve, has gone supply chief engineer, "Kwangse."

Mr. F. S. Bourke, from reserve, has gone supply second engineer, "Kwangse."

Mr. B. G. Edwards, from reserve, has gone supply third engineer, "Kwangse."

Mr. J. Turbys, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Chipshing."

Mr. F. Webster, chief officer, "Chipshing," is on reserve.

Mr. S. Duncan, third officer, "Chakasang," is on reserve.

Mr. W. L. Williams, third officer, "Suisang," has gone third officer, "Chakasang."

Mr. J. D. Palmer has been appointed third officer, "Laisang."

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

In the Shanghai harbour district, notice is given that on Nov. 18, owing to the extension of the Tungchow Banks, Pagoda Buoy will be moved 4.5 cables S. 67 degrees E.

From the new position of the buoy, Langshan Pagoda bears N. 33 degrees E., distant 3.60 miles.

All bearings given are magnetic. Chart affected: Marine Department Chart No. 3.

AT CHINKIANG.

In the Chinkiang harbour district, notice is given that on Nov. 16, owing to the extension of the shoal off the north point of Pitman-King Island, Pitman-King Shoal Buoy will be moved 4.1 cables S. 88 degrees E.

From the new position of the buoy, Pitman-King Surveying Beacon bears S. 16 1/2 degrees E., distant 3.05 miles.

All bearings given are magnetic.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

List of passengers departed per s.s. "Kashima Maru" for Japan and Ports, on November 1:-

Mr. N. Ozawa, Mr. K. Yagita, Mr. K. Tanaka, Comdr. K. Yaginuma, Mr. Oishi, Miss E. Cheng, Mr. Rin, Miss A. Fitzgerald, Mr. S. Zenitaku, Mr. M. R. Gordon, Miss J. M. V. Nemados, Mr. S. Sura, Mr. K. Kimura, Mrs. R. G. Graff, Miss Graff, Miss M. Alexeeva, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pederson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wolloughby, Mr. and Mrs. J. Muller, Mr. K. Oishi, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blain, Mr. and Mrs. P. Ayres, Mr. E. McIntyre, Mr. W. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Elechynnden, Mr. K. Hayami, Mr. K. Tani, Mrs. U. Yamaguchi, Mr. W. Steiber, Mr. and Mrs. E. Erack, Master R. Brack, Mr. G. S. I. Skipton, Mr. L. G. Day, Rev. B. Espricla, Mr. J. H. Stearns, Mr. V. K. Bjarre, Mr. S. Higuchi, Mr. N. Indo, Mr. M. Hirao, Mr. Heath, Mrs. Hughes, Master E. Hughes, Master "D. Hughes, Master A. Hughes, Rev. Holmichon, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Anderson, Rev. Ruiz, Rev. E. Fernandez, Rev. T. Batilo, Master K. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brand-Sorensen, Mr. H. Tsugo, Mr. E. Mizuye, Mr. N. Eoppu, Master S. W. Brand-Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm, Mr. S. E. E. K. Kishi, Mr. A. Kameshima, Mr. T. Mori, Mr. M. Okura, Mr. S. Yagi, Mr. D. Yoshida, Mr. Tokenehi, Mr. L. Kawarada, Mr. S. Inouye, Mr. I. Hirayama, Mr. I. Inagaki, Mr. V. Neville, Mr. K. C. Tsang, Mr. T. Assudamal, Mrs. A. T. Lavington, Miss O. H. Lavington, Miss D. G. Lavington, Miss M. J. Lavington, Mr. G. A. Falconer, Mr. A. T. Lavington, Mr. Koo Soo-liang, Mr. Loo Fook-sang, Mr. N. Tsuda, Mr. T. Aihara, Mr. T. Aburay, Mr. Y. Okamoto, Mr. M. Asayama, Mr. G. Kawazu, Mr. R. G. Whitlaw, Mr. L. Bruton, Mr. Wong Tak-chor, Mr. Z. Chang, Mr. E. Shen, Mr. E. Korley, Miss Storer, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bartlett, Capt. and Mrs. Patterson.

The Eastern and Australian Line "Tanda," coming from Australia and Manila, left the latter port yesterday afternoon and is due here on Nov. 4 at daylight.

Two A.P.C. steamers have arrived in port, these being the "Cardita" coming from San Francisco (with 7,454 tons of liquid fuel for discharge here) which arrived yesterday afternoon, and the "Casis," coming from Miri and Singapore, brought 4,233 tons of kerosene.

The local office of the C.P.R. has been advised that the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Vancouver is due to arrive to-morrow from Shanghai.

With a cargo of 800 tons and 1,216 steerage passengers, the Dutch steamer "Van Overstraten" of the J.C.J.L. arrived last night from Belawan, Deli and Singapore. The "Van Overstraten" will leave for Swatow and Amoy to-morrow afternoon.

En route to New York via Manila and Suez, the "Javanese Prince" of the Prince Line arrived here this morning with a cargo of 324 tons of general merchandise. She is scheduled to sail this p.m. for Manila.

The Norwegian steamer "Fingal" arrived yesterday afternoon from Canton without any cargo on board. She will load here for Shanghai.

From Seattle via Shanghai and Japan, the Admiral Oriental liner "President Grant" is expected to arrive here to-morrow at daylight. The "Grant" will sail for Manila on Nov. 4 at 5 p.m.

From Port Louis (Mauritius) and Singapore, the steamer "Seistan" of the Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd., arrived this morning and will discharge 182 tons of general cargo. She will sail for Shanghai and Nagasaki after loading.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:-

Rhexenor (4995) Brl. from Taku Bar and Shanghai; B. & S. Cardita (3413) Brl. from San Francisco; A. P. Co. Seistan (1571) Brl. from Singapore; Nemaze.

Javanese Prince (384) Brl. from New York and Shanghai; Furness Far East.

Cassia (2596) Brl. from Singapore; A. P. C. Vulcanus (707) Dutch, from Tamsui; A. P. C.

Fingal (1244) Norwegian, from Canton; Thorstein & Co. Van Overstraten (2857) Dutch, from Deli and Singapore; J. C. J. L. Kashima Maru (5147) Japanese, from Marseilles; N. Y. K.

Hanover (3567) Brl. from Shanghai; Admiral Oriental Line.

Departures.

For Keelung: Fingal.

For Shanghai: Mizapore, Kashima Maru.

For Canton: Vulcanus.

For Singapore: Solviken.

For Swatow: Hermelin.

For Amoy: Sinkiang.

Clearances.

For Hongkong: Orega.

For Shanghai: Korea Maru.

For Tsingtao: Kinzan Maru.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:-

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 Norwegian 3
 German 1
 Panama 1
 Danish 1
 Japanese 4
 Chinese 14
 Dutch 7
 Portuguese 3
 French 8
 No flag 1

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EMPEROR OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 7	Feb. 10
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 1	Mar. 4
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 24
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 11	Apr. 14
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 2	May 5
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 23	May 26
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 2	May 5
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 4	July 7

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	Sailed	SATURDAY	October 30
Lahad Datu	Arrived	SATURDAY	October 30
	Sailed	SUNDAY	October 31
Sandakan	Arrived	MONDAY	November 1
	Departure	WEDNESDAY	November 3
Jambongan	Arrival	WEDNESDAY	November 3
	Departure	THURSDAY	November 4
Jesselton	Arrival	FRIDAY	November 5
	Departure	FRIDAY	November 5
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DEVANHA	8,155	25th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KARMALA	8,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,097	30th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,890	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London
NELLORE	8,553	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,335	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MURZAPUR	6,715	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & Rdam
NYANZA	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALAN	8,144	22nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	25th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MORRA	10,918	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
KASHMIR	9,006	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rdam
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rdam
MACEDONIA	11,890	19th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	2nd April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMALA	8,128	5th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DELTA	8,097	28th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
KHIVA	9,335	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
MORRA	10,918	24th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp

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TAKADA	6,949	14th Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,900	23rd Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALANBA	8,018	31st Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,950	2nd Dec.	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, & Melbourne.
TANDA	6,950	4th March	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	

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TANDA	6,950	5th Nov.	Moji, Kobe, & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,900	6th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
NELLORE	8,553	13th Nov.	Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TALANBA	8,018	14th Nov.	Kobe
KHIVA	9,335	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,890	25th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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KALAN	8,144	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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EXPECTED PASSENGERS.

List of passengers for Hong
Kong on board the Bank Line
steamer "City of Cairo" arriving
here on November 5 from South-
ampton and Marseilles:—

Mr. J. Belchers, Miss M. M.
Clark, Eng.-Lt. H. C. Curtis, Mr. F.
E. Jones, Miss E. Living, Miss D.
Lewis, Mrs. M. P. Lucy, Mrs. S.
Lushington, Mrs. Morshead, Comdr.
C. A. Sandford, O.B.E., R.N., Miss
S. E. Sandya, Mrs. N. C. P. Walsh,
Mr. W. J. Woods, Miss S. Acham,
Mr. P. J. A. Chen, Mr. S. Gaches,
Mr. H. W. Hammond, Mr. A. R.
Porter, Mr. T. N. MacReynolds, Mr.
T. G. Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. R.
Barratt, Mrs. R. Drannan, Mr. E. R.
Rapley, Mr. D. Raith, Mrs. F. A.
Salter, Master C. L. Salter and Mr.
P. W. Sherv.

List of passengers arrived per
s.s. "Kashima Maru" from London
and Ports on October 31:—

Mr. H. J. P. Anderson, Mr. H. E.
Ayres, Mrs. C. Atienza, Mr. S. E.
C. Backhouse, Mrs. A. C. Backhouse,
Mrs. D. M. Brandt, Mrs. E. V.
Brown, Mr. F. Biss, Mr. A. Forbes,
Mrs. F. M. Handson, Miss M. T.
Jack, Mr. J. Kinnaird, Mrs. J.
Kinnaird, Master W. Kinnaird, Mr.
Lok Koh-sang, Mr. Miniparr, Mr.
A. C. Pederson, Mrs. E. Pederson,
Mr. J. Roder, Miss C. E. Skell,
Mr. A. H. Taylor, Mrs. E. Taylor,
Mr. C. H. Chichester-Smith, Mr. P.
Ayres, Mr. E. Ayres, Mr. C. S.
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Master E. Anderson, Mr. N. P.
Bendixsen, Mr. K. V. K. Bjerre, Mr.
A. L. Blechynen, Mrs. C. L. M.
Blechynen, Mr. S. Broad, Mr. W.
T. Bartlett, Mrs. E. M. Bartlett,
Mr. Chang Zim-woo, Mr. L. G. Day,
Mr. C. A. Falconer, Mr. M. E.
Gordon, Mr. T. Heath, Mrs. L. G.
Hughes, Master D. Hughes, Master
G. Hughes, Mr. R. G. Herbert, Mrs.
W. A. Herbert, Mr. J. G.
Henderson, Mr. E. Keley, Mr. Koo
Soo-liang, Mr. A. T. Lavington,
Mrs. E. R. Lavington, Miss O. G.
Lavington, Miss D. G. Lavington,
Miss M. G. Lavington, Miss J.
Malcolm, Mrs. E. C. Malcoph, Mr.
F. McPhy, Mr. G. Muller, Mrs.
A. Muller, Mr. R. Patterson, Mrs.
E. C. Patterson, Miss L. M. Storen,
Mr. W. Whitting, Mrs. U.
Yamaguchi, Miss M. Alexceva, Mr.
T. Abaraya, Mr. T. Ahar, Mr. M.
Ayayama, Mr. E. Brack, Mrs. C.
Brack, Master R. R. Brack, Mr. J.
Belmehon, Mr. A. Beppu, Mr. J.
Bottle, Mr. L. Bruton, Mr. B.
Facella, Mr. T. Eda, Mr. Z.
Fernandez, Mrs. E. Graf, Miss Y.
Graft, Mr. S. Higuchi, Mr. M.
Hirayama, Mr. K. Hayami, Mr. I.
Hirayama, Mrs. A. F. Fitzerald,
Mr. N. Indo, Mr. Y. Inagaki, Mr. S.
Inouye, Mr. M. Kimura, Mr. I.
Kawarada, Mr. G. Kawazu, Mr. R.
Kamoshima, Mr. K. Kishi, Mr. Lim
King-jim, Mr. R. Mizoe, Mr. S.
Matsuda, Mr. T. Mori, Mr. K.
Oishi, Mr. N. Ozawa, Mr. S. Okura,
Mr. G. Ruiz, Mr. H. D. Sterne, Mr.
W. Streber, Mr. S. Sura, Mr. K.
Tanaka, Mr. R. Tsugo, Mr. K. Tani,
Mr. J. Willoughby, Mrs. O. L.
Willoughby, Mr. R. G. Whytlaw,
Mr. K. Yagita, Mr. D. Yoshida, Mr.
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DOCKSIDE RATS.

SUCCESS OF LIVERPOOL PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

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Additional to the examination
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results of the utmost usefulness.

Detection and Prevention.

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symptoms in their infancy, steps are
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CORRESPONDENCE.

SHALL WE PLAY OR SHALL WE PRAY?

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Your correspondent "Tonides" has quite rightly raised the question of the proper observance of Armistice Day, and there are, I think, many more people in the Colony who share his views upon this subject.

No one has suggested that there is any harm in revelling to celebrate a victory, but one can no more revel on the same day as one recalls most vividly the faces and voices of one's best friends now long dead, than one can revel on the day of one's confirmation. You will find very few fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters or widows of soldiers killed in the War enjoying themselves in public places on Armistice night. These stay quietly at home when evening falls, and leave it to the generation which knew not the war, or who were untouched by it, to kick their capers by themselves.

If, by some lucky chance, you are one of the few who suffered no personal loss the poppy will serve to remind you that there are some fellow-countrymen still needing your thought and care. There are still thirteen thousand soldiers lying in hospital, there are over a third of a million children left fatherless, and nearly two hundred thousand stricken women left husbandless. One is tempted to say that if only the money that will be spent on Armistice Day revelry could be applied and paid into Earl Haig's Fund it would reach an enormous figure—a figure equal many times to the sum of money so urgently required for our disabled soldiers.

It is of paramount importance that Armistice Day shall be celebrated for as long as Britain remains a nation, but it is equally important we should not forget or misinterpret the symbolic significance of the celebration. The proportion of two minutes' solemnity to five or six hours' revelry scarcely seems right.

One's last thought on Nov. 11 should be the same as one's first—of pride in the courage of the men who loved their country to the death, mingled with a human sorrow for one's personal loss, which it is not easy to forget. Armistice Day is really a safety valve for those whose hearts have been well-nigh broken through loneliness. It serves to remind us that we are all members one of another, and that sorrow shared is lightened just as true joy shared is heightened.

Yours, etc.,

HONG KONG, NOV. 1.

MOTOR CAR TOUTS IN THE CITY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I thank you for your courteous footnote to my previous letter on this subject. I have read with considerable interest your articles dealing with the matter and have noted the official statement regarding policy towards "touts." The fact, however, remains that these nuisances continue to victimise the public. We can but hope that the declared policy of the authorities will be carried out.

Yours, etc.,

HONG KONG, NOV. 2.

BEGGAR NUISANCE IN GLENELLY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Your correspondent "Tonides" has opened an interesting subject. I should like to say something with regard to the beggars who pester churchgoers between the Dairy Farm's premises and the Catholic Cathedral. I understand that begging is forbidden in the Colony. If such be the case, why are these people permitted to beg at this place day after day? There is invariably a policeman at the top of the steps leading on to Cairns Road, yet the same blind and infirm beggars are to be seen there every day.

Yours, etc.,

HONG KONG, NOV. 2.

FASCISM.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—The latest attempt on the life of the Italian duce reminds me of a story I once heard.

Continued at foot of next column.

WHEN DREADED CROUP COMES.

A THING of dread, that comes in the night, without warning. Just a harsh, metallic cough, a choking gasp for breath, a threat of suffocation. Oh, the relief of knowing that there is a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. See how it clears away the choking phlegm, stops the hoarse cough, and brings rest and sleep to the little sufferer. Sold everywhere.

Yours, etc.,

HONG KONG, NOV. 1.

"LING NAM" SOLD.

ALSO FORMER U.S. TRANSPORT BOAT.

LOCAL AUCTION PRICES.

Two sales of steamships which have been laid up in Hong Kong for a long period took place yesterday at local auction rooms.

At Messrs. Lammert Bros. Auction Rooms the "Ling Nam," a Chinese vessel of 6,218 tons gross and 3,748 nett tonnage, which was for some time a familiar object to travellers on the old road to Repulse Bay as it lay on the slip at Aberdeen and more recently has been lying off Shamshui, was sold for \$150,000.

The "Ling Nam" was sold by order of the Court in which judgment had been given for wages, goods supplied, etc. Opening at \$100,000 the vessel rose to the above mentioned figure at which it was purchased by Messrs. Jose Moreno Brodeth.

The vessel, which was built by Reihersberg Schiffswerke and Maschinenfabrik, of Hamburg, in 1903, has accommodation for forty first-class passengers, eighty second-class, and 1,080 deck passengers. She has an average speed of 12 knots, is equipped with twin screw triple expansion engines of 577 nominal horse power, and is further equipped with wireless and refrigerating apparatus. The "Ling Nam" has been sold with all life boats, deck stores, engine room stores, equipment and fittings, including mattresses, pillows, and linen on board, all of which are in good condition.

The dimensions of the vessel are:—Length, 415.7 feet; breadth, 50.4 feet; depth, 28.1 feet. The "Ling Nam" was converted from coal fuel to an oil fuel, burning vessel at Rotherham in 1922. It is estimated that she can be put to sea after expending \$30,000 on her for reconditioning and complete repair, etc.

"General H. Knox."

At the China Auction Rooms the "General Henry Knox," a former American Army transport boat employed in mine planting, which also has been lying off Shamshui, was sold for \$12,000 to "Whampoa Sam," bumboatman and licensed pilot of 120 Praya East, Wanchai.

The opening price was \$4,000.

The "General H. Knox" is a steel screw vessel, fitted with compound engines, 16 by 32 and double boilers, giving her a registered speed of 11 knots. Her dimensions are length 150 feet, beam 30 feet and depth 13 feet with a gross tonnage of 447, sold as now lying off Shamshui, with all fittings including a searchlight. Mortgage and interest amounted to approximately \$5,000.

us that, despite his enemies, Signor Mussolini still has nine-tenths of Italy behind him, though to the outside world it has appeared at times as though he was suffering an eclipse of popularity. Some able observers held that it would only be a matter of months before the experiment of Fascism must give place to a different form of Government; others equally informed declared Mussolini to be steadily transforming Fascism into a purely Constitutional movement.

The beginning of last year saw Mussolini's personal prestige at its height. His strong and patriotic stand in connection with the dispute with Greece coupled with the satisfaction at the new Adriatic agreement with Yugoslavia were leading factors in his favour. The annexation of the city of Fiume to Italy was special pleading to his compatriots. The early months of the year saw intense political activities and preparations for the forthcoming general election. The latter was held under the new electoral laws of November 1923, under which the whole kingdom consists of one constituency divided into fifteen different districts, the party securing the majority by the vote of the entire nation having sufficient seats allotted to it to make its majority decisive in the Chamber. The opponents of Fascism declared this new law to be a plot to secure at all costs the triumph of the Dictator. The answer was that the Italian people had the result in their own hands—to vote or not to vote for Mussolini.

As regards administration, Fascism continues to show amazing vitality. Trade in Italy has been good, transport efficient and great public works have been carried out such as the extension of the hydro-electric power schemes. The many serious disturbances which have taken place between Fascist and the Opposition have failed completely to undermine the influence of Mussolini.

Yours, etc.,
ITALIANO.

HONG KONG, NOV. 1.

"BRIGHTER THINGS."

ICE MANUFACTURING CO.'S PROSPECTS.

LAST YEAR'S LOSS.

Mr. T. G. Weall presided over the annual general meeting this morning of the Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Others present were Mr. A. S. D. Gousland, Mr. Leung Yan-po, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Directors, and Mr. J. D. Thomson, Acting Secretary, and the following shareholders: Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. W. Macfarlane, Mr. A. A. Alves, Mr. Chan Nai-pan and Mr. Chan Yu-pan.

The Chairman said:

"Gentlemen,—The directors' report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some time I propose with your permission to follow the usual procedure and take them as well as the auditors' report as read and only briefly refer in the course of my remarks, to such items as call for consideration."

"I will now invite your attention to the Balance Sheet, which, I repeat to say, shows a loss for the period under review of \$2,798.54. Your directors recommend the addition of this amount to the balance standing at the debit of the Profit and Loss Account thus increasing the same to \$41,236.49. The auditors in their report mention that no depreciation has been provided for. Your directors do not deem it advisable to make provision for depreciation this year in view of the result of the year's working as such would only increase the balance at the debit of the Profit and Loss Account."

Better Than Closing Down.

"The company's buildings are, I am pleased to say, in excellent condition, the same applies to the machinery, the continuous though light running of which has proved much more economical than would have been the case had we closed down the factory and allowed it to remain idle. Depreciation must, however, be the first charge against future profits."

"In my speech last year I attributed the low profits shown to the unsettled conditions in and around Canton resulting in the closing of communication to the city. During the whole of the year under review no sales outside the Shamen have been possible and in February last your board seriously considered the closing down of the factory and the shipping of the requirements of the Shamen population from Hong Kong, but as it was considered that it might not always be possible to maintain a regular supply your board decided as a temporary measure to increase the retail price of ice instead in order to justify the running of the factory. Prices were therefore increased on March 1 last; had it not been for this step the loss shown must have been considerably larger. I think you will agree with me when I say that, under the circumstances, the result shown is fairly satisfactory. We are hopeful that with the lifting of the Boycott brighter times are ahead for us."

"The two 80 H.P. Bolinder engines we have for sale are still on our hands but we are hopeful that a buyer will soon be found as we have recently had more than one enquiry for them."

"I might mention that the general managers have again made no charge for their services; the same applies to the directors and secretary."

Tribute to Father Robert.

"During the year the Rev. Father Robert resigned from the directorate on leaving the Colony. I should like to place on record your directors' appreciation of Father Robert's valuable assistance to the company as one of its directors. Since the closing of the accounts Mr. R. M. Austin has joined the board; his appointment will require confirmation at the next annual meeting."

"With these few remarks I propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. When the proposal has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to ask."

Mr. Leung Yan-po seconded the adoption of the report and accounts which were adopted unanimously.

Other Business.

There being no questions, other business was proceeded with.

Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. Lau Yuchuk, retiring directors, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. W. Macfarlane, seconded by Mr. Chan Yu-pan.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$250 on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Alves seconded by Mr. Chan Nai-pan.

ANOTHER CRUISER.

H.M.S. "Caryfort" arrived in harbour this morning with reliefs for the China station. H.M.S. "Castor" is due in to-morrow.

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BIRTHS.

ALLMAN.—On October 28, 1926, at
Tsinan, to Mr. and Mrs. N. P.
Allman, a daughter.

BOOTH.—On October 29, 1926, at
Victoria Nursing Home, Shang-
hai, to Mr. and Mrs. F. N.
Booth, a daughter.

NOTLEY.—On October 14, 1926,
at the Joseph Fraser Memorial
Home, to the wife of S. G.
Notley, Ceylon Police, a daughter.

SENEVIRATNA.—On October 4,
1926, at Galle (Ceylon), to
Laura, wife of Dr. B. A. Don
Robert Seneviratna, of Deni-
yaya, a daughter.

DEATH.

BAKER.—On October 10, 1926,
Gertrude, wife of Leslie Baker,
Survey Department, Batticaloa,
Ceylon.

JACK.—On October 28, 1926, at
Lauris, Alice, the elder daughter
of Mrs. J. B. Jack, and the late
J. B. Jack.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1926.

A TEAM FOR BISLEY?

Of all forms of sport the most
utilitarian is undoubtedly rifle
shooting. Every young man
ought to be able to handle a rifle.
He ought to be obliged to become
an efficient shot. "Safety First"
demands it—the safety of the
community in which he lives; the
safety of the Empire of which he
is only a unit, but an important
unit even if only a mediocre rifle
shot, able to be moulded into
something better than mediocre
in times of emergency. Yet, in
peace times, locally and Imperial-
ly, it is remarkable that rifle
shooting is regarded as the hobby
of the few and merely a disagree-
able necessity for many members
even of the Volunteers. It is all
wrong, of course; but it seems
inseparable from British charac-
teristics.

An appeal of a two-fold nature
was published in our columns
yesterday. One was for efficient
rifle shots—members of the Ser-
vices or the Volunteers—who ex-
pect to be at Home next year, to
get into touch with the Hong

Kong Rifle League with a view to
raising a team for Bisley. The
second was for some form of Gov-
ernment recognition of those who
may officially represent Hong
Kong in the Junior Kokopore Cup
—a competition confined to what
has been termed the minor over-
seas Possessions and Crown
Colonies.

In view of the fact that the
captious critic has already rear-
ed his head, it must be emphasised
that the Bisley Rifle Meeting,
under the auspices of the
National Rifle Association, is no
"holiday" or "picnic"—it is a
very strenuous contest in the art
of rifle shooting against all the
expert shots from all over the
Empire and elsewhere. It cannot
be gainsaid that an experience at
Bisley would be of inestimable
advantage to any rifle shot going
from this Colony—an advantage
that could not fail to reflect most
favourably on the future standard
of local rifle shooting. Hong
Kong has not before been repre-
sented by a whole team in an im-
portant competition. Now that
there appears an excellent pros-
pect of Hong Kong taking its
rightful place in line with other
Crown Colonies and Protectorates,
there ought to be pardonable pride
either in adding to the personnel
or in other ways encouraging
our representatives to uphold the
good name of Hong Kong.

On the question of Government
support, say, by paying the entry
fees of the local shots at Bisley
(which may run into anything be-
tween \$10 and \$15 each), suf-
ficient precedent will be found in
some of the larger Colonies and
Dominions. There is no question
of "grabbing." It is a question
of covering the individual shots
and the Colony or Dominion they
represent with all the lustre shed
by the winning of a world-wide
contest at Bisley. Nor is it
enough to point to a large shield
in the Colony as the "last word"
in the stimulation of rifle shoot-
ing locally. Why—to narrow the
same argument down—should the
Colony select interport teams to
play cricket, football, and lawn
bowls, seeing that there is a
plethora of shields and trophies
here already to foster and encour-
age these forms of sport? That
form of argument will not "cut
ice." It is unteable and ad-
vanced, moreover, in inelegant
taste.

In spite of the captious critic
we should like to see Hong Kong
strongly represented at Bisley
next year, and we hope that all
the local rifle shots who expect to
be at Home next year will come for-
ward at once and declare their
intentions. Also, in spite of the
captious critic, we do not see why
either the Government or the
community should not make a
generous offer to defray the entry
fees of the local representatives
at Bisley. Both are possible with
a little more of the true Empire
spirit pervading the residents of
this Colony.

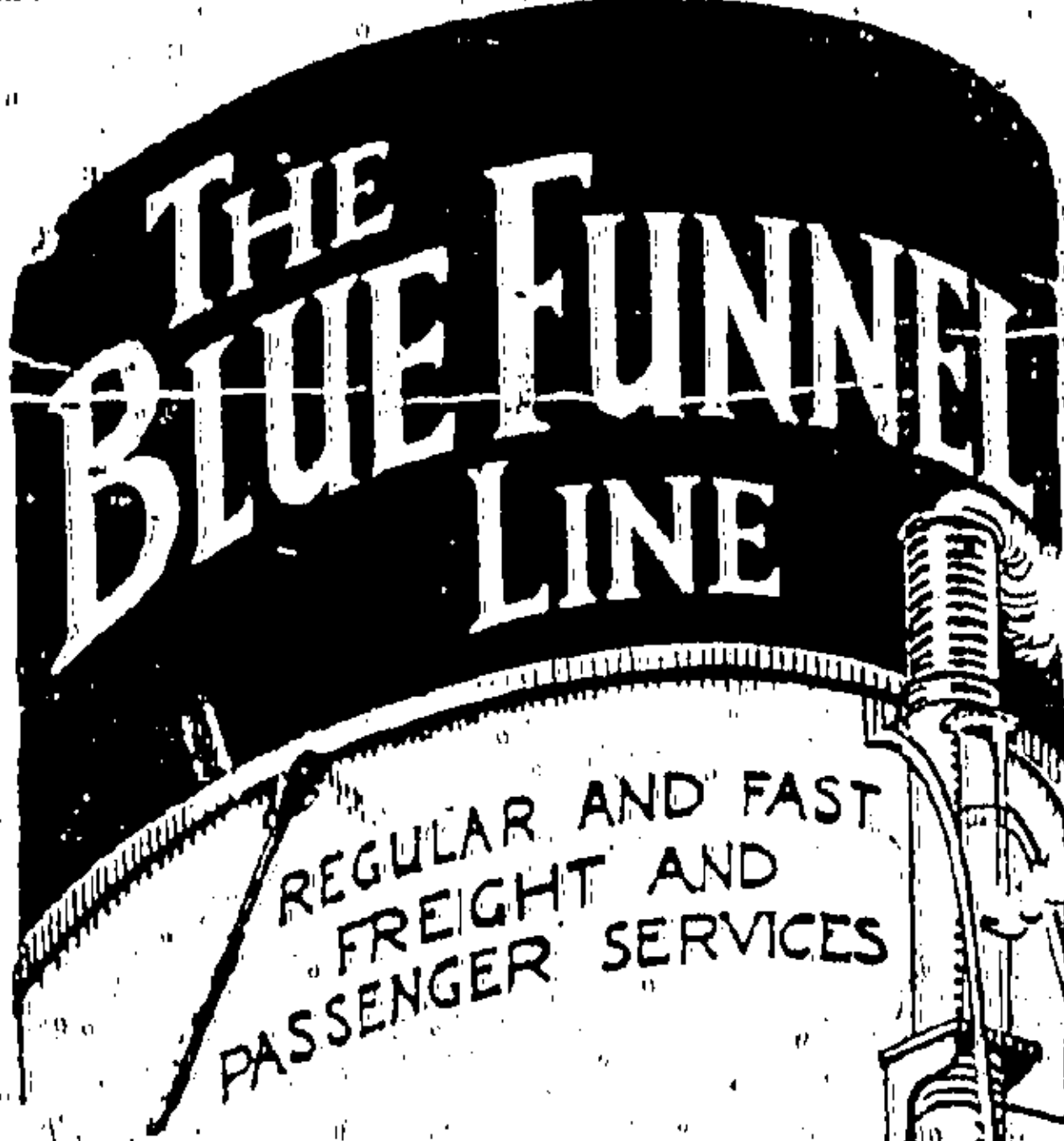


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DRAMATIC SHOT.

FURTHER ATTEMPT ON MUSSOLINI.

A FRENZIED OVATION.

Bologna, Nov. 1.

The people here are now more convinced than ever that Signor Mussolini is invulnerable, and is protected by Providence. The present attempt, the fourth within a year, is the most dramatic of all.

Signor Mussolini, after inaugurating a Scientific Congress, received a frenzied ovation by a crowd in Neptune Square when the shot was fired.

Signor Mussolini was unmoved, smiled to the crowd and nodded as if to say, "It is useless. He cannot hurt me." He told those around him, "It is nothing," then frowning he ordered the Prefect, "Above all, take all measures to prevent reprisals." The same instructions were sent to all provinces.

Meanwhile a crowd surrounded Signor Mussolini's motor car, almost raising it from the ground, and with angry shouts, turned on the youthful assailant, stabbing him, striking him with clubs and canes, killing him instantly.

The report of the attempt spread like wildfire, so that the remainder of Signor Mussolini's mile long drive to the station was transformed into a triumphal march. Cries of "Viva Mussolini," "Viva Duce," were to be heard everywhere. He was accompanied by the shaking of clenched fists by the infuriated crowd. Women threw flowers, and blew kisses, and Signor Mussolini cried "God bless you." Children clapped their hands.

Signor Mussolini's family, awaiting him at the station, were unaware of what had happened. Signor Mussolini told them almost jokingly of his narrow escape. His wife was greatly moved, and his children embraced him.

The crowd, in spite of the efforts of the Police and Carabinieri to hold it back, invaded the station and frantically cheered Signor Mussolini until the train left.

Great demonstrations in celebration of Signor Mussolini's escape took place throughout Italy last night.

What was left of Signor Mussolini's assailant's body was removed to the police station. It revealed traces of strangulation and fourteen deep knife thrusts. It is estimated that the man died within a minute of firing the shot. A Tromma bullet was found in Mussolini's car.

The Premier, addressing militia men in the station yard, did not refer to the incident.—Reuter.

Assailant Identified.

Rome, Nov. 1.

The newspapers state that Signor Mussolini's assailant has been identified as Anteo Zamboni, aged fifteen, the son of a Bologna printer.—Reuter.

Forest of Rifles.

Forli, Nov. 1.

"It may be said to be no exaggeration that a forest of rifles obscured the sunlight whilst I could feel and hear the breathing of the infinite multitude" is a picturesque passage in a cordial telegram from Signor Mussolini to the leader of the Fascists of Bologna eulogising the demonstration of Fascist unity when Mussolini addressed an enormous crowd at the inauguration of the new "littoriale" at the huge sports stadium yesterday.

The telegram adds that the criminal episode of the final moments did not obscure the splendour of a marvellous day. "I send you a sash which the bullet pierced. You may keep it amongst the Fascist souvenirs in Bologna."

He concludes by telling the secret societies in Italy that he is convinced that nothing can happen to him before his task is accomplished.—Reuter.

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IN CONFERENCE.

EMPIRE DELEGATES DISCUSS DEFENCE.

AERIAL PROBLEMS.

Rugby, Nov. 1.

The delegates to the Imperial Conference met to-day at the War Office to discuss the points affecting the Army which arose during the general examination of Empire defence at the full Conference last week.

Matters concerning the Navy have in the same way already been discussed informally at the Admiralty, and to-morrow a meeting will be held at the Air Ministry to deal in detail with aerial defence problems.

Meanwhile, good progress is being made with the various subjects referred to Committees, and the Committee to-day completed its consideration of three questions which have been before it, namely, firstly, the collection of complete statistics of supplies and consumption of foodstuffs in cold storage; and, thirdly, the compilation of trade statistics with a view to promoting closer inter-Imperial trade.

A preliminary discussion on shipping, cables, and wireless took place at the Committee on Communications other than air; and the Forestry Committee at its meeting considered the desirability of establishing an Imperial Forestry Bureau, and discussed matters that will be raised at the Empire Forestry Conference promoted by Australia and New Zealand, which is to be held in 1928.

Empire Producers.

The Dominion Premiers and delegates to the Imperial Conference were entertained at luncheon by the British Empire Producers' Organisation.

Mr. L. S. M. Amery, Secretary for the Dominions and Colonies, in proposing the toast of the guests, said that he believed the policy of Imperial preference was the simplest and most effective instrument of Imperial development that could be devised. The development of the resources of the British Empire could provide wealth and welfare to every part of it to an extent which it was hardly possible to conceive to-day. Such development could only take place if we had an effective policy in common in creating it.

Mr. S. M. Bruce, the Australian Premier, in replying, said that all considerations of the Imperial Conference came back to the fact that the economic problem was the greatest of all. There had been a great increase in the Empire sense of people throughout the whole of the British communities of the world, and he believed that that sense was going to enable us to solve this great problem and bring about greater Imperial trade.

Mr. J. G. Coates, Prime Minister of New Zealand, said that there was not the remotest doubt that trade within the Empire was possible of much greater development, that through it the unity of the nation would be strengthened, and also that the opening up and peopling of the young Dominions would be expedited.

Owing to a severe chill Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, was unable to be present.—British Wireless Service.

"Do you remember Miss Smith?" "No, I can't say I do."

"Oh, you must remember her! She was the plainest girl in the village. But I forgot—that was after you left."

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INDIAN RULER.

RELATIONS WITH THE RAJ.

THREAT TO ABDICATE.

Bombay, Nov. 1.

The relations of the Indian Government and Nizam which aroused sensational reports in August are again the subject of interest according to a telegram from Hyderabad stating that changes in the administration are now likely, but Nizam appears to have yielded only after considerable reluctance to the proposal to replace his officers by Europeans and even threatened to abdicate if this were insisted on.

The Indian Government, on the authority of the Imperial Government, then insisted on the required reforms by November 5, or, alternatively, a Commission would be appointed.

Nizam has apparently begun to fall in with these requirements.—Reuter.

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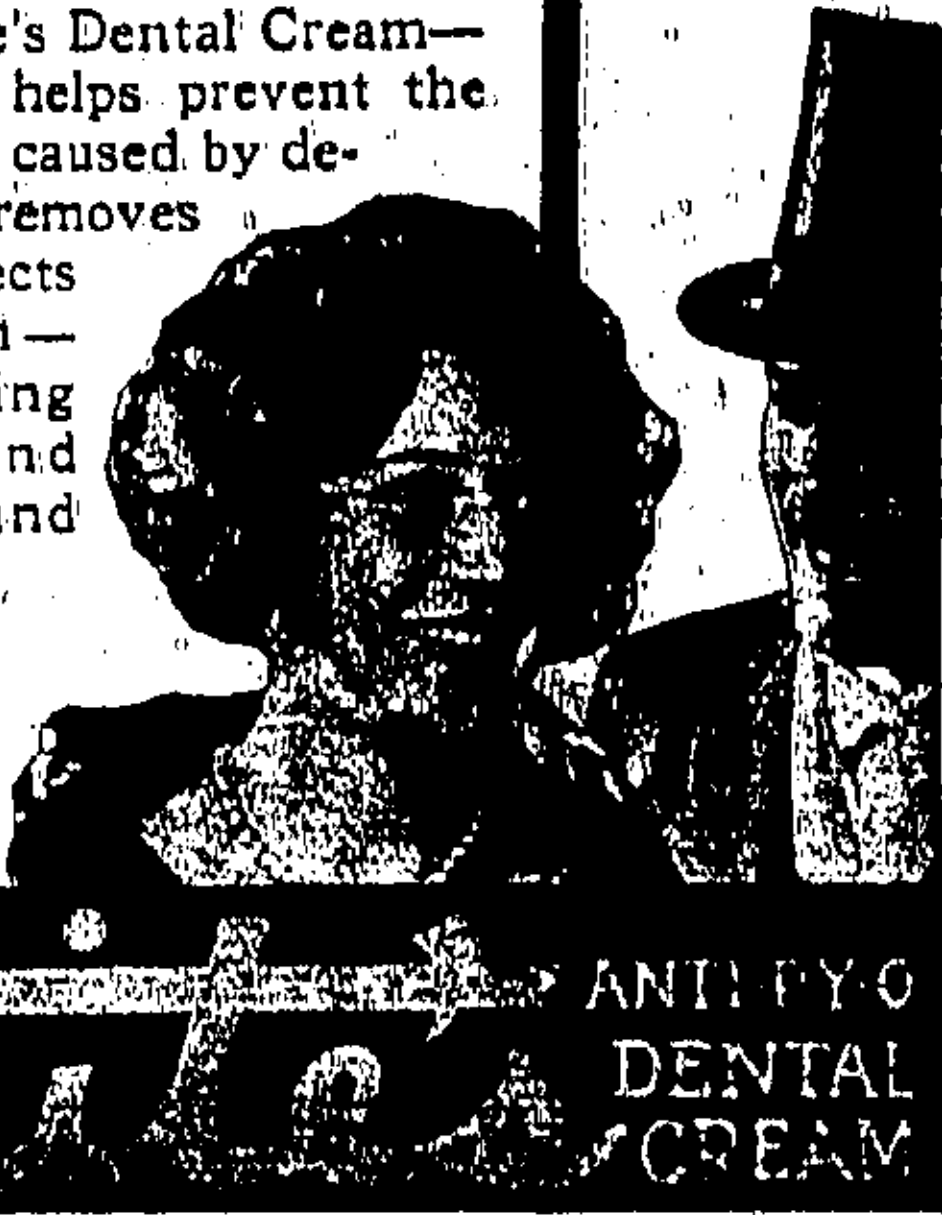
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"QUEER THINGS."

(By Arthur Machen.)

Mr. A. G. Bradley says in his "Exmoor Memories" that the whole business of the Doones was the pure invention of Blackmore. There never were such people, and there was no tradition of them in the neighbourhood. An old Exmoor rector told Mr. Bradley that he had never heard of such folk, and more, the rector had never heard of Blackmore.

Well, in a sense, I should have been glad if this tale had been true. "Lorna Doone" is a noble book, though somewhat over-lyrical, and the author's credit would have been all the higher if it could be shown that he had not only invented the story of "Lorna Doone," but also the tradition on which the story is based. But, of course, Mr. Bradley is all wrong, and his ancient rector did not know what he was talking about. A correspondent of "The Times" puts in evidence that cannot be avoided or denied. He cites a Devonshire Directory published in 1857, twelve years before the appearance of "Lorna Doone," in which, under the heading "Brendon," it is stated that "the district abounds with legends about robbers, called 'The Doones of Bagworthy.'" So, in the decisive, if disgusting, Scottish idiom: "Let that flea stick to the wall!" The existence of the Doone legend before the publication of "Lorna Doone" is definitely and finally established.

There is, I believe, an interesting hypothesis to the effect that these Bagworthy brigands were, in reality, a Celtic remnant, driven into the wildest wilds by the Saxon invasion, and holding out in their valley, at first, perhaps, as patriots, and then and ever after, as pure thieves, till they were smoked out as a nuisance towards the end of the seventeenth century. The theory is attractive, and may be true, likely enough. But I am interested by the minor point: the nescience of Mr. Bradley's rector. I have long been aware that there is a whole world of country life of which neither the rector, the squire, the lawyer, nor the doctor have the faintest notion. I remember when I was a boy, a countryman instructing me as to the necessity of gathering medicinal herbs under certain plants—one of these plants was called Juniper! And I am very sure that my father, the rector, would have laughed at the notion that his parishioners were believers in astrology. And some thirty-five years ago a West-Coun-

try cloth manufacturer published a very admirable book on the Evil Eye. He showed that in the 'eighties, clay images, made after a horrible and most ancient recipe, were still being pierced with nails and pins in Somersetshire cottages. But I am very certain that the Somersetshire rector had never heard that tale as they went on their pastoral visitations.

And while we are on this topic, I may say that I am looking forward with some curiosity to "The History of Witchcraft and Demonology," by Mr. Montague Summers, which is to appear in the course of this autumn. There are all sorts of puzzles in this matter which are waiting for an answer. For example: Was there ever such a thing as the Witches' Sabbath? Is there anything to be said for Payne Knight's contention, that it was a relic of the pagan, priapic cultus persisting in secret in Christian times? Or, was the Witches' Sabbath the relic of an older world than the Roman; the Western equivalent of the secret societies of the African negroes, in which the Medicine Man—the "Black Man" of the witch stories—hideously arrayed in a demonic guise, presides over the assembly? When and where was the last Sabbath held in England? If Mr. Summers answers these questions, I shall be grateful to him.

The debate as to the pronunciation of Cirencester is interesting. It seems pretty certain that the name should be pronounced "Siseester" or "Siseter"; or, in the speech of the country folk, "Ziseester." The analogies of Gloucester, Bicester, Worcester, support the view, and it is probable that the "Berkeley" pronunciation, "Cy-ren-ces-ter" is due to the enthusiasm of people who had learned a hundred years ago or more, how to spell, and were resolved to utilise their new learning. We speak now of the Peninsula of Gower, pronouncing the word as it is spelt. But "Lewson Gower" is rightly uttered as "Lewson Gore," and "King Uriens of Gore"—that is "Gower"—appears in the "Morte d'Arthur." And so the name "Berkeley" no doubt gives the proper pronunciation of "Berkeley," and I suspect that the accent was originally on the last syllable.

An American friend of mine arrived on these shores fortified with the knowledge that Southwark is pronounced "Suthock." In the course of his stay in London, he told a taxi-driver to take him to "Suthock Cathedral." The man stared at him in deep perplexity.

"Suthock Cathedral," repeated my friend. Then the solution dawned on the puzzled driver. "Oh, you mean South Wark," he said, making "wark" rhyme with "stark." "And, I suppose, the place has not been called thus for a thousand years."

There are latent mysteries in all things, even in those which seem most devoid of mystery. Here is an example of this great truth. The great railway companies, you must know, print a document called a "Daily Stock Return," and the following are amongst the items of the stock. Minks, mites, macaws, serpents, crocodiles, totems, beavers, beetles, pythons, scorpions, hydras, blotters, tadpoles, butterflies, crickets, melons, and monsters. No; I shall make no attempt at explanation. A few weeks ago, I tried my best to explain the terms "Perfect Ashlar" and "Children of the Widow," and I was told in some quarters that I did not make myself clear. I was a good deal hurt.

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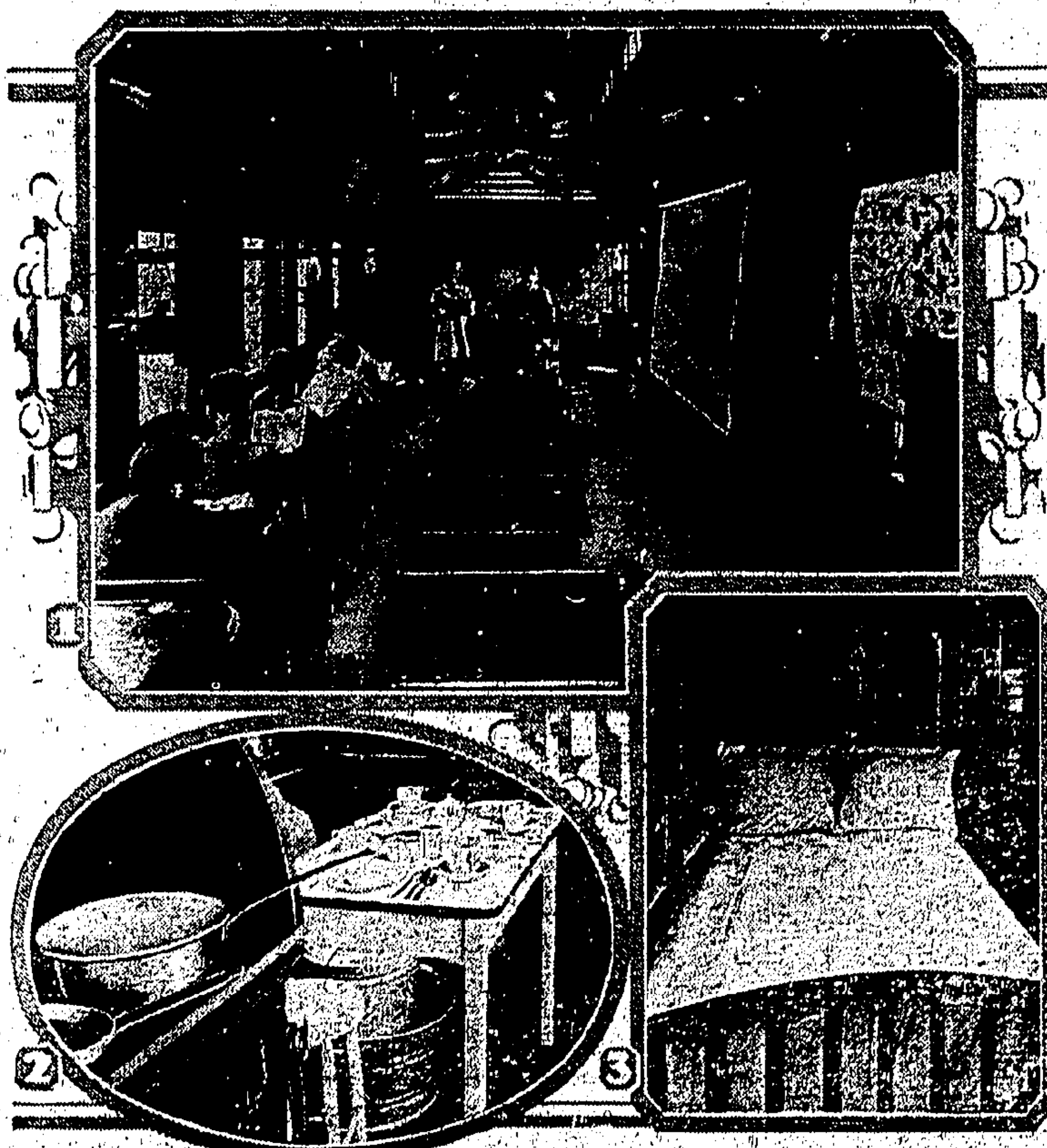
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Ralph Gorsline, vestryman, was questioned in the investigation of the Hall-Mills murder in an effort to link him to the scene of the crime.



Pola Negri, assisted by Charles Eytan and Aladid Valentin, her nurse, is shown going to the train that took her from Los Angeles to the bier of Rudolph Valentino in New York.



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Thirty thousand persons were evicted from New York's Greenwich Village to make way for the continuation of Sixth Avenue, to handle traffic from the New Jersey tunnel. This shows where the street will be pushed forward.



Mrs. Dora Lawrence Burchett (25), was questioned in connection with the death of Frank Burchett, her 73-year-old husband, at Albany Kentucky.



Harry M. Daugherty, former Attorney-General, purchased a paper as he left the New York court when he was on trial on charges of conspiracy, to find out what reporters had written about the session. The jury disagreed.



Miss Dorothy Cheek, Smith College graduate, and teacher at Oxford, Ohio, rewrote the marriage ceremony, eliminating the word "joy" and incorporating her philosophy of love, before her marriage at Providence, Rhode Island, to Gordon C. Weller, Brooklyn engineer.



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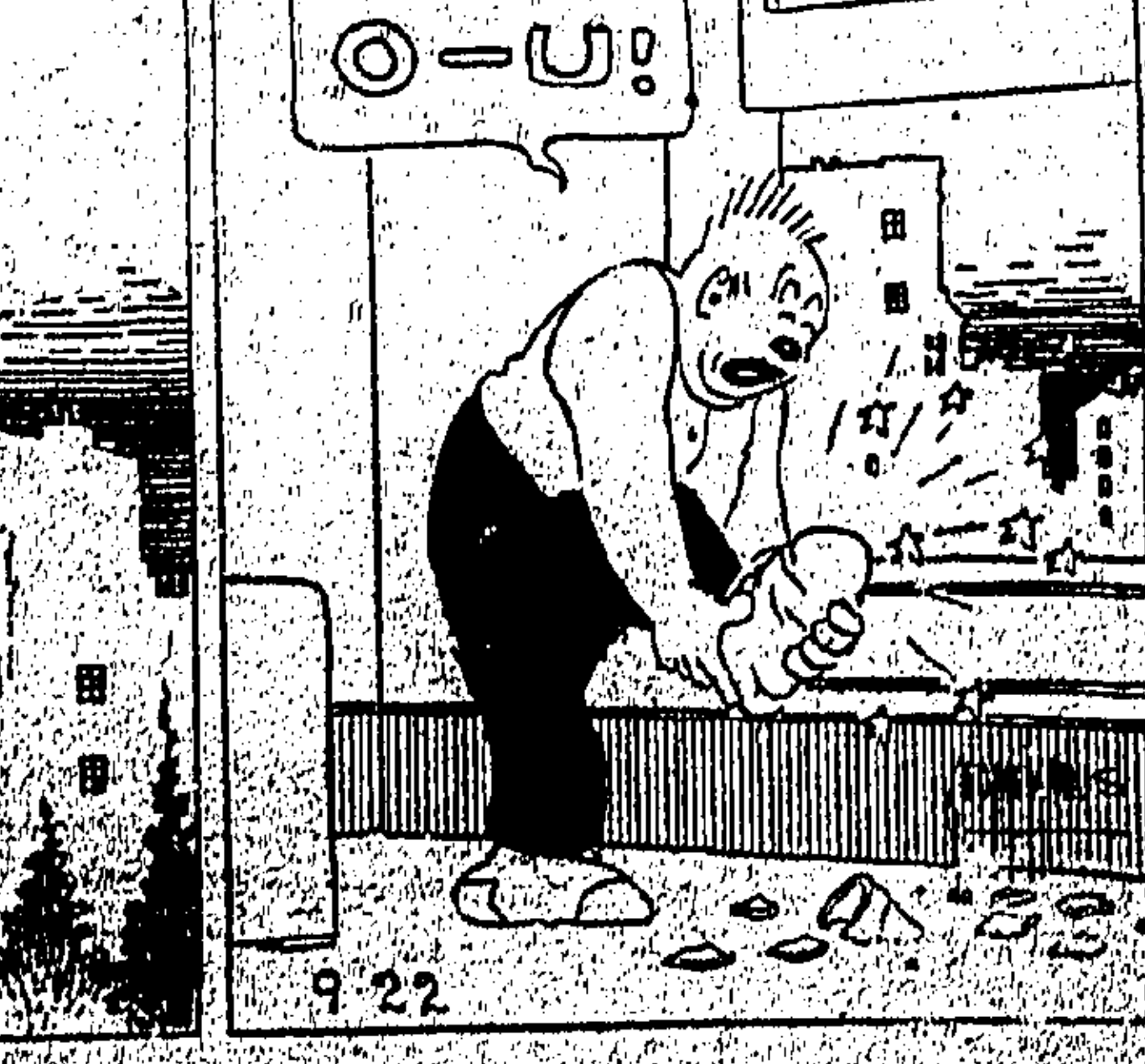
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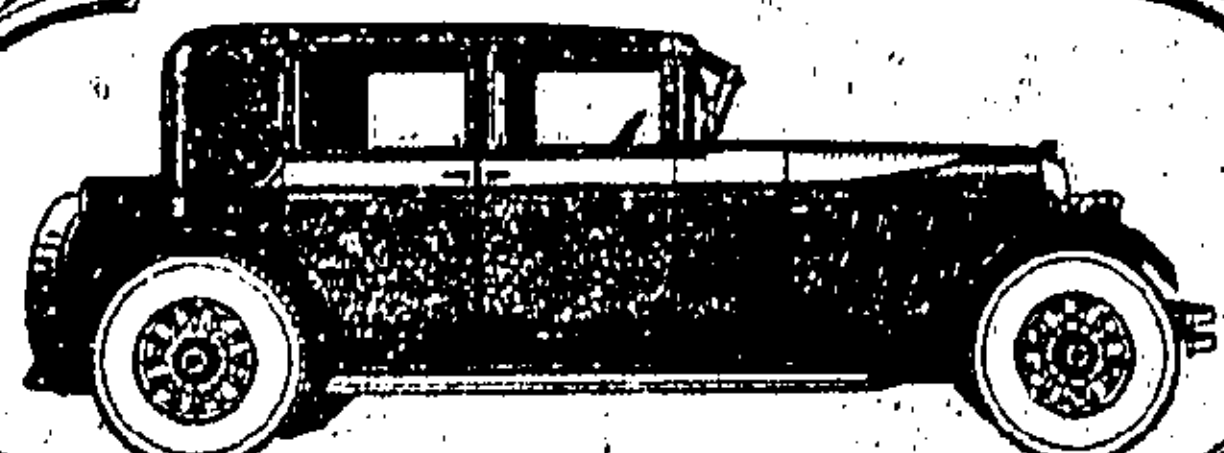
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

London, October 24. — The "Daily Mail" says to-day that commercial radio telephone service between New York and London will be inaugurated before the end of the present year.

London, October 12.—Singapore.—Revenue officers seized 7,000 tahils of illicit opium, valued at 60,000 dollars, concealed in the coal bunkers and engine room of the steamer "Laisang" from China.

Leninakan, Armenia, October 22.—Three hundred persons were buried alive in a series of earthquakes in America last night. Hundreds were dangerously injured and the greater part of this city was ruined. Not a single structure escaped without damage. Telegraph and telephone wires were destroyed. As far as ascertained no Americans among the Near East workers were victims of the earthquake.

Washington, October 25.—It is announced from London to-day that the Stephenson system of restricting rubber exports from Ceylon and the Malayan States will continue at least for another year from November 1 in an endeavour to maintain prices. Under the new regulations it seems probable that the next quarter will see a reduction of the exportable allowance from the present 100 per cent. to 80 per cent.

Austin, Texas, October 26.—Governor (Ma) Ferguson declined to-day to issue a proclamation urging farmers to reduce the cotton acreage as proposed at the recent conference of cotton producers and commission men at Memphis. She said that she herself was a cotton farmer and that "the farmers were getting too much advice from those who either lack experience in cotton raising or who are acting too fast."

Shanghai, October 24.—One person was shot and killed, two seriously injured and four others slightly injured when a number of Cantonese radicals attacked the west gate police station early Sunday morning. The French municipal police are standing by to guard their territory which is adjacent. A further outbreak is expected but "the police believe that they will be able to control the situation. The killed and injured are Chinese."

Russia.—The fifth conference of the Communist party will discuss abandonment of the red flag, which is described as a mark of disorder not fitting to a regular government.

The Bank of Montreal has taken over the business of the Mexico City Banking Corporation, a United States institution established in Mexico 23 years ago. This removes all United States banking competition in Mexico City and gives Canadians, with the exception of one German bank, a clear field in banking business from the Texas border to Guatemala.

Tientsin, October 21.—The Wine and Tobacco Department in Tientsin has telegraphed to the government bureau in Peking, stating that they have received a communication from the Consular Body there refusing to acknowledge the introduction of new tax on the imported foreign wine, and requesting that the wine and tobacco bureau in Peking open direct negotiations with the Diplomatic Body for the settlement of the question.

Peking, Oct. 27.—With a view to cultivating real discipline on the part of the Metropolitan troops, General Yu Tsung, Commander of the Peking Garrison, has issued an official proclamation strictly prohibiting soldiers to enter theatres or to travel on tram cars without paying the required fees. An exciting scene took place two nights ago when two soldiers, who demonstrated with pistols, threatening the audience in a theatre, were immediately ordered by General Yu to be shot to death at the scene of their crime. Their heads then were cut off and hung before the public.

London, October 12.—Following on the constitution of the European Steel Trust comes news from New York of the formation of a huge copper combine, with Government approval, for establishing the price of domestic copper in foreign markets. A new Company called The Copper Exporters has been incorporated under the most powerful auspices. Efforts will be made to sell direct to the consumers except where conditions make it desirable to sell to distributors. Foreign associate members of the combine include the British Metals Corporation and other leading European interests.

A sale of work organised by the Police Branch of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League will be held at 4.15 p.m. to-morrow, at the Helena May Institute.

A rather extraordinary order has been issued to missionaries by the "Allied" Command forbidding them to spread ungrounded rumours detrimental to the "Allied" cause, either through the post, on the pretext of preaching, or in conversation.

London, Oct. 12.—The Italian Embassy emphatically denies the Press reports regarding Italian aggressive policy in the Near East which it declares, is entirely inconsistent with the peaceful foreign policy and the economic and financial reconstruction pursued by Signor Mussolini.

Steps are being taken to register all local Chinese physicians outside the Settlement in connection with the public health programme which is being conducted in conjunction with the Greater Shanghai movement. The establishment of a laboratory and other equipment will also be part of this programme.

Wong Kai, 22, earth cooler and Kong Hoi, 41, fisherman, were charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning with unlawfully cutting down trees off the Stanley main road. His Worship, after hearing evidence of arrest, fined each of the accused \$100 with the alternative of two months' hard labour.

Seven coolies charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, with smoking opium in a divan, offered varying excuses none of which, however, satisfied the Bench. His Worship fined each of the accused \$2 whilst the keeper of the premises will have to pay \$100 or go to jail for two months.

Brown earth, on which cereals can be cultivated, was found in many places in the Gobi Desert by Prof. Polynoff, who had been charged by the learned committee of Mongolia to study the soil, geological structure and the flora of the Gobi Desert neighbouring Mongolia. In Prof. Polynoff's opinion, there exists in the eastern part of the Desert an area of no less than 500,000 square kilometres, which could easily be transformed into fertile fields by artificial irrigation.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kinnaird and family were among the passengers returning to the Colony on the s.s. "Kashima Maru."

Fritz Kreisler, the famous German violinist, was injured in a motor accident when leaving Belfast for Glasgow. His injuries are not dangerous.

Tokyo, October 26.—General Booth of the Salvation Army, who has been to Sendai on a lecture trip, is expected to leave here for China shortly by way of Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Okayama, and Korea.

Sir George Rankin has been appointed Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court. Sir George Rankin has been a Judge of the High Court, Calcutta, since 1918. He was a Second-Lieutenant in the Royal Garrison Artillery, 1916, and was promoted Lieutenant in 1917.

New York, October 23.—Despite a cold necessitating a physician's care, Queen Marie of Rumania planned to keep all of her engagements to-day and rest to-morrow. Her voice is hoarse. The queen, who is now in the city, reviewed the 166th infantry regiment and engaged in other activities.

Versailles, October 12.—Thieves broke into the gam room in the Chateau, Chantilly and carried off the famous rose diamond known as "Grand Condé," formerly valued at ten million francs, and also two daggers, one belonging to the famous Algerian rebel, Abdel Kadr, and the other the gift of the Bey of Tunis, also a number of richly jewelled gold ornaments and some miniatures.

London, October 12.—The Emir Feisal has concluded his visit to London and has departed for Holland. Sir Austen Chamberlain was represented at the station where there was a distinguished party of Moslems. The Prince, interviewed by Reuters, said that he would never forget his great welcome by the King. He would take the opportunity while in Holland of discussing questions connected with a large number of Dutch Moslems in the East Indies who make the pilgrimage to Mecca.

Peking, October 27.—Mrs. Wellington Koo is leaving Peking to-night for Brussels via Siberia in order to hurry to the bedside of her mother who is suffering from serious illness.

A letter received by a Shanghai resident contains the information that towards the end of September Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Mr. G. H. Stitt and Mr. A. Brooke Smith were staying at Brechin, Forfarshire, where they were getting excellent shooting.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Fulton, resident at Kitabatake, Sumiyoshi-ku, Osaka, left for America on the "President Wilson," sailing from Kobe on October 17. Dr. and Mrs. Fulton have been in Japan 37 years, engaged in missionary work, the last 16 of which have been spent in Osaka. Dr. Fulton has been President of Osaka Shin Gakuin.

The Soochow correspondent of the "Shanghai Times" writes:—Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Park, of Soochow Hospital, celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary a few days ago. Their daughter Mrs. Lamar Sherertz, of Wushu, and several of their older friends surprised them with a dinner party. Dr. and Mrs. Park are now the oldest foreign residents of Soochow.

Berlin, October 22.—The German newspapers are discussing the question of the ex-Kaiser's return to Germany. They publish the ex-Kaiser's telegram to an American correspondent, in which he states that events depend upon Providence. The newspapers deduce that the ex-Kaiser does not consider his effort to be a failure and hopes to obtain the same favours as were extended to the Crown Prince.

The "London Gazette" announces that a bankruptcy petition against the Duke of Manchester, of 11, King-street, St. James's, S.W., has been presented by Jeanne Marie Valerie Brunsvik, of 33, rue de Beliefond, Paris. The petition was heard at the London Bankruptcy Court—Carey-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2. Mrs. Brunsvik is a furrier who formerly owned two shops in Paris, but sold them recently. She is now staying with her mother at Orleans.

Berlin, October 23.—The Queen of Spain arrived in London yesterday for a stay of 14 days with her mother, Princess Beatrix.

Mr. John Rodger, who was for many years with the China Sugar Refinery and who retired from the Colony a few years ago, returned on Sunday on the s.s. "Kashima Maru" to spend the winter here. Mr. Rodger was looking years younger than when he left the Colony.

In honour of the deceased members of their Order, Far East Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, held an interesting public memorial service at the Masonic Temple on the Esplanade. Justice Johns delivered the Eulogium and musical programme was rendered by a quartette from the Union Church Choir.

Teheran, Persia, October 25.—The Shah of Persia escaped injury to-day when an automobile escorting him on a tour of the Province of Manazdaran was blown up. Several officers were killed and two others were injured. The automobile carried arms, ammunition and bombs. The cause of the explosion is not apparent.

Scotch papers report the death of William Burgess Smith, formerly of the Shanghai Municipal Police, on September 22. The deceased went to Shanghai in 1918 and was a popular member of the force. He resigned in 1919, when he joined the Canadian overseas forces. He was severely wounded in the chest and although he returned home to join the Constabulary in Scotland, his wounds eventually caused his death.

London, Oct. 12.—The death is announced of Mr. William Hugh Knight, whose fame as an advocate, at once brilliant and conscientious, fearless and scrupulous, is still fresh in the memories of the senior members of both branches of the legal profession in Bengal, but whose literally invaluable services to the "Statesman," at a critical stage in its history, are fully known only to a few.

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This "Peking Man" discovery was made less than 25 miles from Peking more than two years ago, but news of the find was carefully suppressed until verification of its importance could be had.

Fossilised portions of two teeth of undoubted human characteristics, and not at all related to the teeth of anthropoid apes, were found in excavations within 25 miles of Peking.

Sabre-Toothed Tiger.

They were discovered in a Tertiary formation, and with them were found fossils of the sabre-toothed tiger and of the thick-horned deer.

The fossils were sent to Europe, to the University of Upsala, and only a fortnight ago came back to Peking the photographs and formal classifications of the finds.

Two years of hard work has been spent in removing, a grain at a time, the sandstone with which the fossils were encrusted.

On October 22, the Crown Prince of Sweden was invited to a joint meeting of the Geological Society of China, the Natural History Society of China, and the Peking Union Medical College—the latter being the \$10,000,000 Rockefeller endowment organisation in China's capital.

Older Than Pitdown Man.

Among the noted scientists present were M. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (who discovered the tooth of the "Pitdown Man" in England, hitherto considered the oldest known human fossil), Dr. J. G. Andersson (noted as an archaeologist with an international reputation) and several professors from Germany and Sweden drawn to Peking for what was, to them, an epoch-making meeting.

Mr. de Chardin unhesitatingly declared that the "Peking Man" is far older than the "Pitdown Man," and that the find made here establishes the fact that human beings, not merely the ancestors of human beings, existed in this part of north-central Asia more than 500,000 years ago. The age might be 1,000,000 years, he said.

All of the scientists who spoke were agreed that this find seems to establish conclusively that this portion of Asia was the cradle of the human race.

Incredible Antiquity.

Dr. Andersson made an address in which he detailed the manner in which the find was made, and the care which had been taken to establish the veracity of the strata and surroundings.

The Crown Prince of Sweden was intensely interested in the announcement, which, though of only passing interest to the layman, he pronounced as of "startling and breath-taking meaning" to those scientifically trained in archaeology.

Hitherto it had been tacitly agreed among scientists that man did not exist as "homo sapiens" as long ago as the Upper Tertiary period, but that he evolved some 200,000 years later. The "Peking Man" upsets these theories, and proves that the human race is of almost incredible antiquity.

The "Peking Man."

Dr. A. W. Grabau, former head of the Paleontology Department of Columbia University, New York, considers the discovery the most important of its kind that has ever been made and officially authenticated.

That Paleolithic man lived along the shores of the Mediterranean 200,000 years ago has been well established by stone implements imbedded in deposits. Of recent years the discoveries of Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews and others have established the fact that Paleolithic man was numerous in Central Asia and in the Gobi Desert region, which was held to be the cradle of the race.

The "Peking Man," however, shows that long, long before the Paleolithic man of the Gobi, men lived on the great plain on which is now the capital of China, the very origins of the founding of which are lost in the myths and legends of the Chinese people.

Names Famous in Science.

It was in the summer of 1921

REBELS ACTIVE.

COMBINE WITH PENITENTIARY
INMATES.

U.S. DESTROYER FOR SCENE.

Washington, Nov. 1.

In accordance with a request from the American Consul a destroyer has been ordered to proceed to Cuba (La Ceiba?) Honduras, to protect American lives and property.

The Consul reported that the inmates of the penitentiary combined with the revolutionists and seized the town after temporarily ousting the Federal troops.—Reuter's American Service.

U.S. ELECTION.

PROHIBITION NOW THE
CHIEF ISSUE.

Washington, November 1.

The election campaign lacks a clear cut issue. Most leaders are silent on the questions of Prohibition and the World Court, though individual candidates throughout the country have avowedly seized on them. Prohibition is the chief issue, particularly in Senatorial contests in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, and other States, while Prohibition referendums have been ordered in New York, Wisconsin, Colorado, Montana, Illinois, Nevada and California.

"Coolidge and Prosperity" was the rallying cry of Republican political organisations with attacks on alleged Democratic extravagance in war time and since the war. All the Coolidge Cabinet have participated in the fight to retain Republican working majorities in the Senate, while the Democratic big game have declared that "Coolidge and Prosperity" and Republican economy are myths. They demand a reduction in taxes and tariffs.

They denounce the Coolidge Administration on the ground that it fostered monopolies and countenanced debauchery of the electorate. The last named allegation is connected with the revelations before the Senate Campaign Funds Committee of huge expenditures on Republican primaries this year in Pennsylvania and Illinois.—Reuter's American Service.

Coolidge's Appeal.

Washington, Nov. 1.

On the eve of the Congressional elections, President Coolidge has appealed to the voters not to abdicate their sovereign right of self-government by failing to vote.

This is almost the only public act by the President regarding the elections, which generally are regarded as the most important of his administration since the control of the senate is more or less in doubt and the Democratic leaders claim a sweeping increase in the Opposition membership in the House of Representatives. President Coolidge recently announced that he would return home to Massachusetts to cast the ballot. He said that he would naturally vote for his old friend, Senator Butler, who is up for another term in the United States Senate. At the same time, President Coolidge denied the published reports that he expressed any views on the Illinois Senatorial contest.

While politicians are chiefly concerned with the extent of the gains which the Democrats expect in next Congress the man in the street has an eye on the fate of various Prohibition measures in eight States, especially the referendum in New York and Illinois. The real extent of the dry Vote in New York State will be seen in the number of votes cast for the Senatorial Dry candidate, both Republican and Democratic candidates having openly proclaimed themselves wet.

The dry leaders refuse to countenance the Prohibition referendum stigmatising it as valueless and even advising their followers not to vote thereon.—Reuter's American Service.

that Dr. Andersson, a Swedish geologist of wide fame, and then Mining Adviser to the Chinese Government, first discovered an ancient cavern in the limestone ledges of Chou-kou-tien, less than 25 miles from Peking.

Subsequently the eminent Austrian Paleontologist, Prof. O. Zdansky, excavated with great care the debris in the cave, and then burrowed into the limestone cliffs. All fossils were sent to Upsala, where the work of classifying and freeing the fossils from adhering sand, was done by Prof. Wiman.

Announcement of this discovery has already given great impetus to archaeological research work, and several expeditions are being planned here to make further researches in the Chou-kou-tien region, and also in the loess country further inland.

COAL STRUGGLE.

FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR
SETTLEMENT.

MINERS' DILEMMA.

Rugby, Nov. 1.

This week promises a further opportunity to obtain a settlement of the coal strike by agreement. Delegates of the Conferences on Thursday will decide whether this chance presented to them by the intervention of the Trades Union Conference mediators is to be taken. The situation with which the miners are faced implies failure of the effort embarked upon by the last Delegate Conference to intensify the dispute by means of a speech making campaign and an application to other Unions for an embargo on foreign coal and a financial levy on members.

The number of men returning to the pits continues to increase. The refusal of other Trade Unions to support an embargo or a levy regarded as certain, and the coal available enables the domestic ration to be this week officially doubled, while industries have fuel to meet their needs. It remains for the miners themselves to decide whether the advice of their fellow Trade Unionists to negotiate without reservations for a settlement in the light of the facts of the situation will be accepted as an alternative to the continuance of the contest in the circumstances, which, from their point of view offer little hope of improvement.—British Wireless Service.

More Men Return.

Rugby, Nov. 1.

The number of men at work in the coal pits to-day showed an increase of 8,573 compared with the end of last week. This is substantial increase for a Monday as usually a large percentage of the men extend the week-end holiday until Tuesday.

The total of men at work is now 278,130.—British Wireless Service.

CIVIC POLITICS.

ELECTIONS IN ENGLAND
AND WALES.

London, November 1.

In the municipal elections, being held to-day in England and Wales, one-third of the Provincial Borough Councils in London are not concerned because the Councils are elected every three years.

Elsewhere one-fourth of the Councils retire yearly. The candidates for seventy of the chief Municipalities are: Labour 768, Conservatives 858, Liberals 299, Independents 249. Only two avowed Communists are standing.

Labour is contesting every possible seat with a record number of candidates. Conservatives and Liberals have combined against Socialists in many places. The importance of the election will be understood when it is remembered that Municipal bodies govern 20,000,000 people, and expend £100,000,000 yearly.—Reuter.

Municipal Trading.

Rugby, Nov. 1.

With the exception of the London boroughs, which do not poll until 1928, municipal elections are being held to-day throughout England and Wales.

A feature of the election campaign, in which little public interest has been aroused, is the strong bid that is being made, particularly in the north of England, by Labour candidates, whose platform includes extension of municipal trading and employment of direct labour in municipal works. The newspapers note that in certain parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire there is a tendency for Liberals to co-operate with Conservatives, and the gradual disappearance of the Liberal Party from municipal affairs is particularly marked in the north of England.—British Wireless Service.

ROBBER SHOT.

RAID ON A FASHIONABLE
FLAT.

Detroit, November 1.

James Cundiffe, wanted by the New Jersey authorities in connection with the murder of the driver of a mail van which he robbed of \$150,000 at Elizabeth, was shot dead in a fashionable flat here. Policemen summoned to the flat were fired on by a man called Olsen, who killed one of them, and he himself was shot dead by another officer.

The bodies of Cundiffe and a woman were found in bed. It is believed that Olsen killed both as a sequel to a quarrel over the division of the spoils of a recent bank robbery here, in which it is supposed that Olsen took part. Ten thousand dollars in currency were stolen on the 22nd. Reuter's American Service.

GENERAL RETREAT.

Continued from Page 1.

to be appointed as Commander-in-Chief of the Southern troops stationed in Kiangsi.

Kiuksiang, Oct. 26.

There has been such an improvement in the situation at Nanchang that martial law is no longer in operation.

CHANG KAI-SHEK.

Officer's Interview With Japanese Admiral.

The whereabouts of General Chang Kai-shek are still a mystery. As reported at the time, a report issued by Sun Chuan-fang's headquarters at Kiuksiang (which reached Shanghai on October 26) stated that the Cantonese leader was to have his leg amputated in a mission hospital at Changsha.

On the other hand, a Changsha message, despatched also on Oct. 26, says that interviewed by Rear-Admiral J. Araki, Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese China Squadron, General Chang Kai-shek was in Fongshin, directing his troops. The General also denied that General Chang was seriously wounded.

Further news about Chang Kai-shek is included in the despatches which follow.

CANTON'S RETREAT.

Their Commander-in-Chief's
Whereabouts.

Kiuksiang, Oct. 26.

The Southern troops, having evacuated the Allied troops, led by General Wang Fu, entered Chichun and took possession of the town to-day.

Although minor skirmishes are still being staged in the district around Chichun, no remarkable development of the fighting situation is expected in that region owing to inactivity of the Northern troops under command of Marshal Wu Peifu in the Wu-shen-kwan district.

General Chiang Tsung-kuei, head of a peace mission now at Kungang, stated in his telegram to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang that he had been unable so far to confer with General Chang Kai-shek on account of the absence of definite information concerning the whereabouts of the Canton Commander-in-Chief.—Toto.

Fighting Continues.

Kiuksiang, Oct. 26.

According to an eye-witness, a clash took place between the Southern and the Allied forces this morning at a point a few miles below Chichun and they were engaged in severe fighting. Mr. Teng Yen-ta, belonging to the Kuomintang Party, left Hankow in an aeroplane to see General Chang Kai-shek in connection with the peace question, but he has not yet returned to Hankow.

Having received some reinforcements, the strength of the Southern troops, who retreated to the region of Chai-shui, is now about four brigades.

Chances Against Canton.

These Southern troops took the aggressive again and have been engaging in a battle with General Yeh Kai-shin's troops in front of Huang-chi since Oct. 22.

General Chen Tiao-yuan's troops, stationed in the region of Wusueh and Tien-chia-chen, have also advanced into the Chichun district. There may probably take place a big clash shortly between the two forces in the region between Chichun and Chai-shui.

General Chang Kai-shek, who has retreated in the region of Changsha, is now recruiting new soldiers from Changsha, but it is rumoured that as the loss so far sustained by General Chang's troops reaches 70 per cent. of his forces, the chances for success are against him.

PATUNG LOOTED.

Yang Sen's Troops: Bloodshed
Incident.

A wireless message received in Shanghai on Oct. 27, reports the looting of the city of Patung, a river port a few miles beyond Ichang. According to the message, which was very brief, the looting was accompanied by a good deal of bloodshed and was carried out by General Yang Sen's Szechuan troops. No details are to hand yet.

The Hankow situation then remained unchanged except that several troop movements had been noted. A troop laden transport arrived at Ichang from somewhere up-river during the 48 hours before Oct. 27 in addition to one merchant ship filled with soldiers whose destination was unknown.

The two men had met at the club and one had just told the other that his wife was away on a holiday. "Do you send her many letters while she is away?" he was asked. "Oh, no," was the reply. "I can't," he said. "I am away."

SEAPLANE RACE.

DEATH OF AN AMERICAN
ENTRANT.

CRASH IN SHALLOW WATER.

Washington, Nov. 1.

A gloom has been cast on the forthcoming Schneider Cup seaplane race ten days hence by the death of Lieutenant Frank Conat, one of the American entrants.

Conat was in course of a practice flight and fatally crashed into shallow water at Winters Harbour, 80 miles from Norfolk.—Reuter's American Service.

COMING HERE.

THREE WORLD TRIPPERS
LINERS.

FIRST NEXT MONTH.

There will be over 400 world tourists aboard the Cunard liner "Carinthia" which, as reported yesterday, is due at Hong Kong on December 8.

Mr. J. P. Bourne, Superintendent of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., who is in charge of arrangements here and for the trip to Peking, has left Hong Kong to make arrangements for the reception of the liner at Chin-wang-tao (Shanghai will not be called at) and for the running of a special train to Peking.

It will be remembered that the "Carinthia" passengers were the only world tourists who got through to Peking at the time of the Fengtien troubles last year.

The second party of the world tourists due here, whose arrangements the Hong Kong Hotel tourist department are directing, will be the 600 passengers on board the Cunard liner, "California," which is due to leave New York on January 19 and to arrive here from the north on March 12.

The s.s. "Resolute," will arrive here from America and Europe later in March with 450 world tourists.

PIGS & SILVER.

BUT COUNTERFEIT ALL
THE SAME.

LAW ON CARRYING.

Hui Shun, 53, a ship's cooler, was charged before Major C. Wilson this morning with being in unlawful possession of 1,600 pieces of counterfeit coin, purporting to be ten cent pieces H.K. currency. Accused, in reply to the charge, said that he was carrying the parcels for a friend in Macao.

Sub Det.-Insp. Lane, prosecuting, said that the man was arrested by a Chinese revenue officer on the s.s. "Chuen Chow" whilst the vessel was lying alongside the wharf. The coins, which were done up in rolls, were found lying on a bunk, as though ready to be taken ashore.

The Chinese revenue officer gave evidence of arrest and produced a letter which the defendant claimed corroborated his story. This letter, translated, read as follows:—

"Please receive from bearer three pigs valued \$40 each and twelve small pigs valued \$40." Witness surmised that this was only a "blind" as the total value corresponded with the value of the coins seized.

The next witness called was the Court shroff who stated that he had examined the coins which were of a bad colour, very light and did not ring true.

The Magistrate, in entering a conviction against the accused, said that he would give him the benefit of his claim to be merely a carrier. The law, however, did not allow persons to carry counterfeit coin and he would have to go to prison for three months with hard labour.

THE WEATHER.

There is no change in the weather forecast. Till noon tomorrow, for Hong Kong, the coast and Formosa Channel, it is—moderate East winds, fine.

At 11.10 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—Pressure has increased considerably at Nemuro, moderately from Tokyo to the Bonins, and slightly at Kobe. It has decreased slightly from Formosa to the Visayas and is nearly stationary elsewhere. The anticyclone is spreading east-north-eastward. A new typhoon has developed about 40 miles east of Manila. It appears to be moving westward.

Metastrophical observations at 9 a.m. to-day:—Barometer 30.09; temperature 47°; humidity 77; wind N.E. force 2; weather, cloudy.



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